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touching Alehouses.

**F**irst, that in every Pa-  
rish, Hamlet, Towneship  
or Precinct, there bee per-  
fect and true Certificate  
made, how many Ale-  
houses, or Victualling  
houses were the last day of February  
last past, And how many of them by Li-  
cence, and how many not. And what  
persons in the places aforesaid keepe a-  
ny Tunes, and how long time the saide  
house or houses haue bene kept and  
vled for Tunes.

**A**lso the Iustices of the Peace in  
their severall Limits and Divisiones,  
taking Information from the high  
Constables of the Hundred, Church-  
wardens

wardens and pettie Constables, with o-  
ther the substantiall Inhabitants of  
euery Parish, Hamlet, Towneship or  
Precinct, how many Alehouses, and  
Actuall houses are fit there to bee  
kept, and who are the fittest persons in  
respect of their abilitie and condition to  
keepe the same, shall agree, set downe,  
and make presentment of those that  
shalbe allowed at the first Sessions to  
be holden after Easter (where it may be  
so soone performed) or els at some gene-  
rall assembly of the Iustices for that  
purpose, to be by them appointed before  
Whitsuntide next, at such severall pla-  
ces within the County, as to them shall  
seeme meete, where five Iustices of the  
Peace at the least, whereof two of the  
Quorum, shalbe present with the Clarke  
of the Peace or his Deputie.

Also, that the Iustices of the Peace  
of the severall Limits or divisions, or  
three of them, (whereof one to be of the  
Quorum) with the Clarke of the Peace or  
his Deputie, within twentie dayes next  
after

after such presentment, and Allowances as aforesaid, shall assemble themselves and take Recognizances, and graunt Licences to the severall persons that shalbe so allowed, as aforesaid, at the generall Quarter Sessions, or assembly of the Justices of Peace, as aforesaid.

**A** Also, that none bee Licenced or allowed to keepe an Alehouse, that is in Livery or Retainer to any man.

**A** Also, that certaine Articles of good order be conceived by the Justices of the Peace fit for every Alehouse-keeper, Tipler or Victualler to observe, And that the Justices see the same straightly observed, And that they doe certifie the same before the ende of Trinitie Terme next, to the Lords of his Majesties privie Counsell, to the end, if cause so require, further directions may be added hereunto.

**A** Also, that the Alehouse keepers bee bound by Recognizance against unlawful

intelligible, and for keeping of good  
Order and rule in their houses accord-  
ing to the Statute in that behalfe  
made, Also to bring in their Licen-  
ces at that Sessions Twelve month,  
or Generall meeting of the Iustices of  
Peace, as aforesaid, if hee so long con-  
tinue an Alehouse-keeper, And so yere-  
ly so long as such their Licences shall  
stand in force, to bee allowed or disal-  
lowed, according to the meaning of  
these Articles.

Good to shew the Minister hath, OF A  
All Licences of Alehouse-keepers  
shall be sealed with a common Seal  
engraven in Brasse, or Silver, with a  
Rose, and the Inscription of the Coun-  
tie, Citie, or Towne corporate, having  
authoritie to hold sessions of the Peace,  
where such Alehouse shall be, And the  
saime Seal shall be appointed and pro-  
vided by the Clarke of the Peace, or  
Towne-Clarke respectively. For the  
charge of making whereof, they shall  
have allowance made out of their next  
receipt.

Item

Also

**A**lso that the Clarke of the Peace  
in every County, and Town-clerke  
in every City, or other Officer of that  
nature in Townes Corporate, where  
they haue authoritie to holde Sessions  
of the Peace, shall haue the keeping of  
the said Seale, and shall signe the said  
Licences that shall be so allowed as a-  
foresaid with his hand, and set the said  
Seale to the same, And shall haue for  
the making of every such Licence, & ta-  
king Recognizance aforesaid Two Shil-  
lings, And for the Sealing of the said  
Licence with the said common Seale,  
there shall bee payde in hand to the said  
Clerke to his Maiesties vse, for all Li-  
cences in Cities, Townes corporate or  
Market Townes Eight Shillings a  
peece, and in other Villages foure Shil-  
lings. And that no other charge by any  
meanes be imposed vpon the said Ale-  
house-keepers, nor reward taken of  
them for their allowance, And the said  
Clarkes of the Peace & Towne Clerks,  
and every of them be bound to his Ma-  
iestie in Recognizance, with sufficient



Suerties to be taken by the Custos Rotu-  
 lorum, or any two Justices of the Peace,  
 in a competent summe for the true an-  
 swering of their Receipts from time to  
 time, into his Majesties Receipt of the  
 Exchequer, Within fourtie dayes after  
 every Sessions of the Peace, and shall  
 pay no Fees in the said Court of Exche-  
 quer vpon the paying in of his said mo-  
 neys, nor for passing of his accompt.  
 The persons Licenced, shal at the Ses-  
 sions Twelve moneth, or generall As-  
 sembly of the Justices as aforesaid, af-  
 ter their Licences granted, bring their  
 Licences to the said Sessions, or gene-  
 rall Assembly of Justices as aforesaid,  
 there to be seene, and consideration to be  
 had, whether they shall be found fit to  
 stand or not: And if they shall be allow-  
 ed by the said Justices, or the more part  
 of them to stand for one yeere longer,  
 Then the said Clarke shall enter vpon  
 the said Licence, *Allocatur pro vno alio anno*  
*duratura*, entring withall the date of such  
 allowance. And shal receiue of the same  
 person for such allowance to his Ma-  
 jesties



sties vse, the like summe as before vpon  
the first granting. And for his such en-  
try of allowance onely Eight pence for  
himselfe. And so shall all Licences bee  
presented, and such summes paid vpon  
allowance, yeerely, as long as the said  
Licences shall remaine in force. And if  
any person so Licenced shall faile to pre-  
sent his Licence to bee allowed or dis-  
allowed, or to pay vpon his allowance  
such summes yerely as aforesaid, Then  
his Licence shall presently cease and be  
voide.

Also to the end that it may certaine-  
ly appeare what Ale-houses shall  
from time to time stand and be allowed  
in forme aforesaide in euery Countie, Ci-  
tie and Towne Corporate where Ju-  
stices of peace are, The Clarke of the  
peace or Towne Clarke shall within  
twentie dayes after the ende of euery  
Sessions, or generall Assemblie of Ju-  
stices as aforesaid, make by a booke con-  
taining the names of all the persons li-  
censed of new, or continued at such Ses-  
sions,

sions, and the places where they keepe  
 such Ale-houses, and shall present the  
 same to the Justices of the peace at the  
 said Sessions, which saide Justices of  
 the peace, or any foure of them (where-  
 of two to be of the Quorum or in Cities  
 and Townes Corporate, two Justices  
 of the peace, whereof one to bee of the  
 Quorum,) shall subscribe their names to  
 euery page of the said booke, that no al-  
 teration may be made. And that the said  
 Justices, or one of them keepe a true  
 note of the number of such Ale-houses  
 entered into such booke, that it may bee  
 knowen for what number and for what  
 time the Clarke of the peace & Towne  
 Clarke ought to answer.

**B**Efore the end of Easter Terme next,  
 a true and perfect booke shalbe made  
 by the Clarke of the Peace of euery  
 Shire, and the Towne Clarke of euery  
 Cite or Towne Corporate (having au-  
 thoritie to keepe Sessions of peace) con-  
 taining all the Ale-houses and Victual-  
 ling houses in euery severall Countie,  
 Cite

Citie and Towne Corporate; Within this Realme, and how many, and who they be that keepe them. And that before the end of Trinitie Terme next, a true and perfect Transcript be made of the same by the Clarke of the Peace or Towne Clarke respectively to Whome it may appertaine, And before the ende of the said Trinitie Terme the same be certified vnder the hands of the Iustices of Peace of the Shire, Citie or Towne Corporate, or of foure of them (Whereof two to bee of the Quorum, or in Citie and Townes Corporate vnder the hand of two, Whereof one to be of the Quorum) to the Lords of his Majesties most honourable private Council, and the like booke and in like manner and forme to bee yeerely made, and certified at and within the times aforesaide.

Also that it bee carefully looked into that the number of Ale-houses bee not increased but diminished, and specially that none be suffered to keepe Ale-

houses vntilicensed, or other wise licensed then according to the prescript aforesaide.

**S**AVING, that in case where any Alehouse-keeper, Licensed as aforesaid, shall die or remoue, or for his ill rule or misbehaviour, thought fit by two Justices of the Peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum, to be put downe, That then such other to bee appointed in the same Parish or Hamlet, as shalbe Licensed and allowed as aforesaide, at the next Sessions of the Peace, or generall Assembly of the Justices, whereat five Justices of the Peace, with the Clarke of the Peace, or his Deputie shall bee present.

**L**ASTLY, That the Justices of Assize in their Circuits, and Justices of Peace at their generall Sessions of the Peace, doe from time to time enquire of the due execution of these presents, and of all Alehouses kept without such License, as aforesaid, and of all other abuses,

buses, disorders, briberies, extortions,  
deceits, and other misdemeanours  
Whatsoever, committed or suffered a-  
gainst the provisions aforesaide,  
and the true meaning  
of them.

